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TAGS: EAID, GB

SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILWAY PROJECT

DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AND AF/ C DIRECTOR  
COHEN, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN AFFAIRS  
DUBOIS SAID THAT AS RESULT RECENT VISIT TO GABON OF TWO FAC  
OFFICIALS, AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH PRESIDENT BONGO  
TO TRIM TRANSGABON RAILWAY PROJECT FROM 54 BILLION CFA  
TO ABOUT 40 BILLION CFA. ( ACCORDING TO FAC, TRIMMING WILL  
IN FACT TAKE PROJECT DOWN TO 35 BILLION CFA). ACCORDING  
TO DUBOIS, BONGO HAD SHOWN AWARENESS OF NEED TO CUT  
BACK PROJECT AND HAD ACCEPTED FRENCH SUGGESTIONS.  
DUBOIS SAID THAT AS RESULT OF FRENCH CONVERSATIONS WITH IBRD  
PRESIDENT MACNAMARA, THEY FELT THERE MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE  
MODIFICATION IN IBRD POSITION TO PERMIT SOME FORM OF  
BANK PARTICIPATION IN OVER- ALL PROJECT, PARTICULARLY  
IF OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS AGREED ON BROAD OUTLINES OF  
FINANCING AT BRUSSELS MEETING AT END OF APRIL.  
DECONTROL APRIL 3, 1975  
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